



- 11. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein W₆ is C₁-C₃ alkyl substituted with 1 to 3 OR_{6a} or SR_{6a}, which OR_{6a} or SR_{6a} groups are stable to hydrolysis in gastrointestinal fluid.
- 12. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein W6 is
- $-(CH_2)_{m1}CH((CH_2)_{m3}R_3)_2$, $-(CH_2)_{m1}C((CH_2)_{m3}R_3)_3$;
- $-(CH_2)_{m1}CH((CH_2)_{m3}R_{5a}W_{5})_2; -(CH_2)_{m1}CH((CH_2)_{m3}R_3)((CH_2)_{m3}R_{5a}W_5);$
- $-(CH_2)_{m1}C((CH_2)_{m3}R_3)_2(CH_2)_{m3}R_{5a}W_5),\,(CH_2)_{m1}C((CH_2)_{m3}R_{5a}W_5)_3 \text{ or }$
- $-(CH_2)_{m1}C((CH_2)_{m3}R_3)((CH_2)_{m3}R_{5a}W_5)_2$ and m₃ is an integer from 1 to 3.
- 13. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein W_6 is - R_5 , - W_5 or - $R_{5a}W_5$.
- 14. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein W6 is R5.



18. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein W₆ is a branched chain R₅ group.



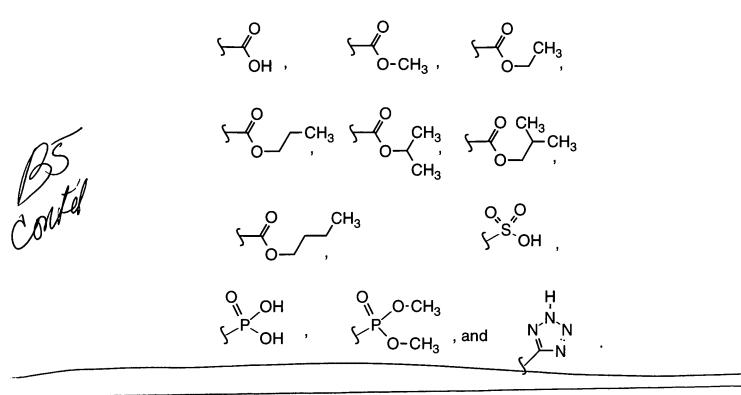
20. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein W₆ is R_{5e} wherein R_{5e} is normal or secondary alkyl of 1 to 12 carbon atoms substituted with 1-3 OR_{1a} or SR_{1a} wherein R_{1a} is C₁-C₄ alkyl.



- 25. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein W₆ is R₄ having 1 to 7 carbon atoms.
- 26. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein said W₆ is not C₁-C₃ alkyl substituted with OH or OH protected with an aralkyl, acyl, a silicon protecting group or a tetrahydropyran.



- 30. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein W₁ is -CO₂R₁.
- 31. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein E₁ is selected from the group consisting of: phenethyl ester of carboxyl,



34. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein W3 is -C(O)-R5.

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- 35. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein W₆ is an alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms substituted with 0 to 3 F, Br, Cl, N₃, NO₂ or CN.
- 36. (amended) The composition of Claim 1 [or 2] wherein W5 is selected from the group consisting of:

